

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for recording a pattern, comprising:  
determining an illumination scheme in response to the pattern; ~~and~~  
directing, in response to the determination, at least one focused beam of radiation having a first cross-section through an objective lens onto an intermediate layer, said intermediate layer comprising a saturable absorber, said saturable absorber configured to allow only a portion of said beam, said portion having a second cross-section, to propagate towards a radiation sensitive layer, said second cross-section being smaller than the first cross-section; and  
removing said intermediate layer after the pattern has been printed.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the second cross-section is about half of the first cross-section.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising altering an intensity of the beam of radiation to achieve a certain second cross-section.
- 5 - 9 (Cancelled)